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## RECORD NUMBERS OF AMERICANS HUNT AND FISH

Despite the double effects of inflation and recession, a record 43 million Americans spent \$270 million on State hunting and fishing licenses last year, according to State license sales figures released today by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt.

"Both figures are record highs," said Greenwalt, "and they show that Americans continue to find hunting and fishing major pastimes." One of every five Americans enjoys the outdoors this way. The figures represent an increase of \$29 million in State sales and 1.7 million in license holders over 1973. Since some States do not require licenses for ocean fishing children under 16, or senior citizens, these figures are considered conservative estimates.

"The revenues derived from these license sales enable States to conduct their fish and wildlife conservation and management programs," Greenwalt said. "Additional funds come from Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs under which States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. For the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 1975, over \$70 million in Federal Aid funds was apportioned to the States according to formulas which include the number of hunting and fishing license holders in each State."

California led the Nation in number of paid fishing license holders with sales of 5.8 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps to 2.3 million fishermen. Closest runner-ups were Michigan and Texas with 1.6 million sold. Other very heavily fished States were Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Wisconsin also attracted the most out-of-State fishermen in the country with 430,000 visitors buying licenses last year. Montana, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Michigan also ranked high with tourist fishermen.

Pennsylvania led all States in the Nation last year in sales of hunting licenses with 1.7 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. California, Michigan, New York, Texas, and Virginia ranked just below with each State selling over a million licenses. Montana had the distinction of being the most frequently visited State by out-of-State hunters. Last year over 138 thousand non-resident permits were sold there. Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Colorado ran a close second.

Hawaii stood out as the State with the fewest licensed hunters and fishermen in the Nation.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN  
FISCAL YEAR 1974

State	Paid Fishing License Holders <u>1/</u>	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <u>2/</u>	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	580,221	517,789	79,074	596,863	\$ 1,852,455.80
Alaska	127,953	95,485	39,391	134,876	1,049,848.00
Arizona	392,669	374,265	155,183	529,448	2,608,057.00
Arkansas	721,707	599,757	215,237	814,994	2,899,231.00
California	2,314,670	5,799,040	46,546	5,845,586	14,390,330.00
Colorado	646,607	473,433	193,437	666,870	3,958,732.86
Connecticut	183,911	193,228	4,414	197,642	681,094.50
Delaware	13,142	14,687	1,920	16,607	67,341.60
Florida	883,246	733,935	178,676	912,611	2,621,601.25
Georgia	655,706	705,824	22,535	728,359	2,143,131.00
Hawaii	8,206	8,162	147	8,309	26,708.75
Idaho	416,783	274,294	177,767	452,061	2,283,233.00
Illinois	782,141	734,454	47,687	782,141	1,833,167.25
Indiana	695,801	677,940	94,060	772,000	2,462,919.00
Iowa	477,643	452,634	45,772	498,406	1,916,939.50
Kansas	352,542	317,006	38,558	355,564	1,100,954.00
Kentucky	557,481	431,070	126,411	557,481	2,571,893.00
Louisiana	426,909	394,554	37,085	431,639	937,320.00
Maine	250,709	158,891	92,711	251,602	1,606,564.75
Maryland	139,642	156,204	10,017	166,221	621,169.65
Massachusetts	214,445	212,756	4,961	217,717	1,683,372.50
Michigan	1,120,019	1,369,447	260,547	1,629,994	6,176,105.25
Minnesota	1,346,201	721,805	298,246	1,020,051	5,416,253.50
Mississippi	435,716	361,497	101,994	463,491	1,566,757.15
Missouri	902,857	1,320,741	174,559	1,495,300	4,754,976.00
Montana	281,418	421,873	330,254	752,127	2,643,602.00
Nebraska	237,423	261,846	29,623	291,469	1,148,455.12
Nevada	165,687	95,447	73,050	168,497	858,128.50
New Hampshire	127,373	89,468	41,689	131,157	879,976.30
New Jersey	192,327	316,735	8,362	325,097	1,485,827.00
New Mexico	195,712	195,652	78,298	273,950	1,184,084.96
New York	882,194	852,648	61,039	913,687	4,906,384.50
North Carolina	509,187	554,041	59,369	613,410	2,334,077.50
North Dakota	153,909	141,795	13,858	155,653	432,674.00
Ohio	904,523	876,441	28,082	904,523	3,671,035.00
Oklahoma	636,494	616,966	44,082	661,048	2,163,433.00
Oregon	673,976	882,822	168,732	1,051,554	3,786,688.00
Pennsylvania	948,527	890,325	58,202	948,527	4,723,849.00
Rhode Island	29,616	27,833	962	28,795	88,728.00
South Carolina	379,439	332,911	53,686	386,597	1,753,135.65
South Dakota	186,086	133,441	54,545	187,986	635,608.00
Tennessee	868,956	1,088,446	283,486	1,371,932	3,605,295.28
Texas	1,596,774	1,566,272	31,964	1,598,236	6,432,671.35
Utah	425,304	325,767	102,354	428,121	1,293,937.00
Vermont	158,642	100,307	59,937	160,244	497,702.75
Virginia	530,580	800,491	83,735	884,226	1,803,170.00
Washington	510,295	632,351	32,306	664,657	3,897,414.00
West Virginia	246,979	223,073	24,501	247,574	1,291,124.50
Wisconsin	1,368,499	939,443	429,056	1,368,499	7,643,786.35
Wyoming	223,458	89,909	152,181	242,090	1,402,624.00
<b>TOTALS <u>3/</u></b>	<b>27,080,305</b>	<b>29,555,201</b>	<b>4,750,288</b>	<b>34,305,489</b>	<b>127,793,568.07</b>

1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase.  
Data certified by State fish and game departments.

2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3/ Persons who fished in more than one State are counted in each State where they fished.  
Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

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FISCAL YEAR 1974

State	Paid Hunting License Holders <u>1/</u>	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <u>2/</u>	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	332,391	375,433	20,914	396,347	\$ 1,852,721.00
Alaska	68,136	65,697	16,671	82,368	1,295,744.00
Arizona	167,517	292,407	10,310	302,717	2,381,795.00
Arkansas	347,015	469,690	38,235	507,925	1,889,914.50
California	677,993	1,317,464	2,561	1,320,025	5,566,180.00
Colorado	323,922	438,699	80,977	519,676	8,387,636.60
Connecticut	84,008	89,730	1,057	90,787	298,537.00
Delaware	28,554	26,407	2,147	28,554	191,528.15
Florida	270,571	267,665	2,906	270,571	1,626,677.50
Georgia	357,495	534,714	13,965	548,679	2,029,299.00
Hawaii	11,250	11,174	278	11,452	86,561.00
Idaho	250,771	482,922	45,785	528,707	2,476,487.00
Illinois	493,792	480,650	13,142	493,792	1,745,275.00
Indiana	472,988	538,337	9,749	548,086	1,868,522.00
Iowa	341,459	425,690	35,181	460,871	2,691,095.50
Kansas	234,418	205,668	28,750	234,418	1,044,642.00
Kentucky	295,453	288,192	7,261	295,453	1,437,969.25
Louisiana	352,832	495,426	12,939	508,365	1,099,517.00
Maine	205,930	170,999	35,535	206,534	2,408,744.75
Maryland	190,321	277,170	10,687	287,857	1,744,032.35
Massachusetts	113,709	170,658	1,533	172,191	937,347.50
Michigan	876,800	1,248,818	23,257	1,272,075	8,775,406.00
Minnesota	426,228	628,862	3,942	632,804	4,320,625.80
Mississippi	321,950	463,209	30,873	494,082	1,962,989.35
Missouri	483,186	704,840	19,741	724,581	4,301,251.00
Montana	226,510	669,596	138,572	808,168	3,429,819.00
Nebraska	200,444	398,180	44,240	442,420	1,998,652.13
Nevada	68,831	120,646	10,184	130,830	1,074,563.00
New Hampshire	77,193	74,952	12,730	87,682	919,110.00
New Jersey	184,249	234,348	3,512	237,860	1,627,432.25
New Mexico	149,846	146,929	27,694	174,623	1,955,902.39
New York	740,143	1,341,940	55,320	1,397,260	6,832,282.25
North Carolina	436,056	694,237	9,563	703,800	2,735,632.00
North Dakota	102,087	230,673	18,650	249,323	1,059,271.50
Ohio	601,592	705,860	3,695	709,555	3,006,688.00
Oklahoma	266,698	374,351	7,576	381,927	1,548,792.00
Oregon	369,488	847,996	10,731	858,727	3,898,743.00
Pennsylvania	1,186,499	1,647,136	87,478	1,734,614	13,086,466.56
Rhode Island	16,200	18,720	637	19,357	66,349.00
South Carolina	202,599	235,030	16,673	251,703	1,526,520.75
South Dakota	190,990	331,271	86,917	418,188	2,183,962.90
Tennessee	519,485	725,444	17,985	743,429	3,672,476.70
Texas	841,701	1,086,990	18,915	1,105,905	4,830,667.92
Utah	241,981	302,664	20,940	323,604	3,830,189.00
Vermont	159,378	133,248	54,248	187,496	1,556,629.75
Virginia	478,961	959,186	68,472	1,027,658	2,828,543.75
Washington	330,371	824,746	2,321	827,067	2,684,130.50
West Virginia	275,918	247,815	28,756	276,571	2,061,218.50
Wisconsin	650,028	839,563	15,658	855,221	6,470,425.00
Wyoming	151,432	148,141	78,184	226,325	5,607,369.00
TOTALS <u>3/</u>	16,397,369	23,810,183	1,308,047	25,118,230	142,912,335.10

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